

# Associate Membership Program

Describes the program for Associate Members.

Investigators planning to become Associate Members are assigned, based on expertise and interest, to one of four site-specific Collaborative Groups: Breast and Gynecologic Cancers; Gastrointestinal and Other Cancers; Lung and Upper Aerodigestive Tract Cancers; or Prostate and Other Urologic Cancers. Investigators' primary contacts are the EDRN Principal Investigators who chair the Collaborative Groups.

Three categories of Associate Membership exist:

- Category A members propose basic or translational research consistent with EDRN priorities. Supplemental funds are used as one-time seed money for pilot studies; are provided for two years; and are not renewable. Category A Members remain Associate Members after funding ends for the duration of the EDRN. Category A members should plan their budgets in such a way that they are able to attend one meeting per year.
- Category B members contribute to Network priorities by sharing available technologies, contributing specimens, providing high-risk registries, cohorts, and other resources, funding can be applied for annually. Category B members remain Associate Members after funding ends for the duration of the EDRN.
- Category C members include scientists, clinicians, patient advocates, and ethicists, who participate in EDRN workshops and conferences, and Collaborative Group meetings, but do not receive funding or support for travel expenses. Category C members remain Corresponding Members for the duration of the EDRN.